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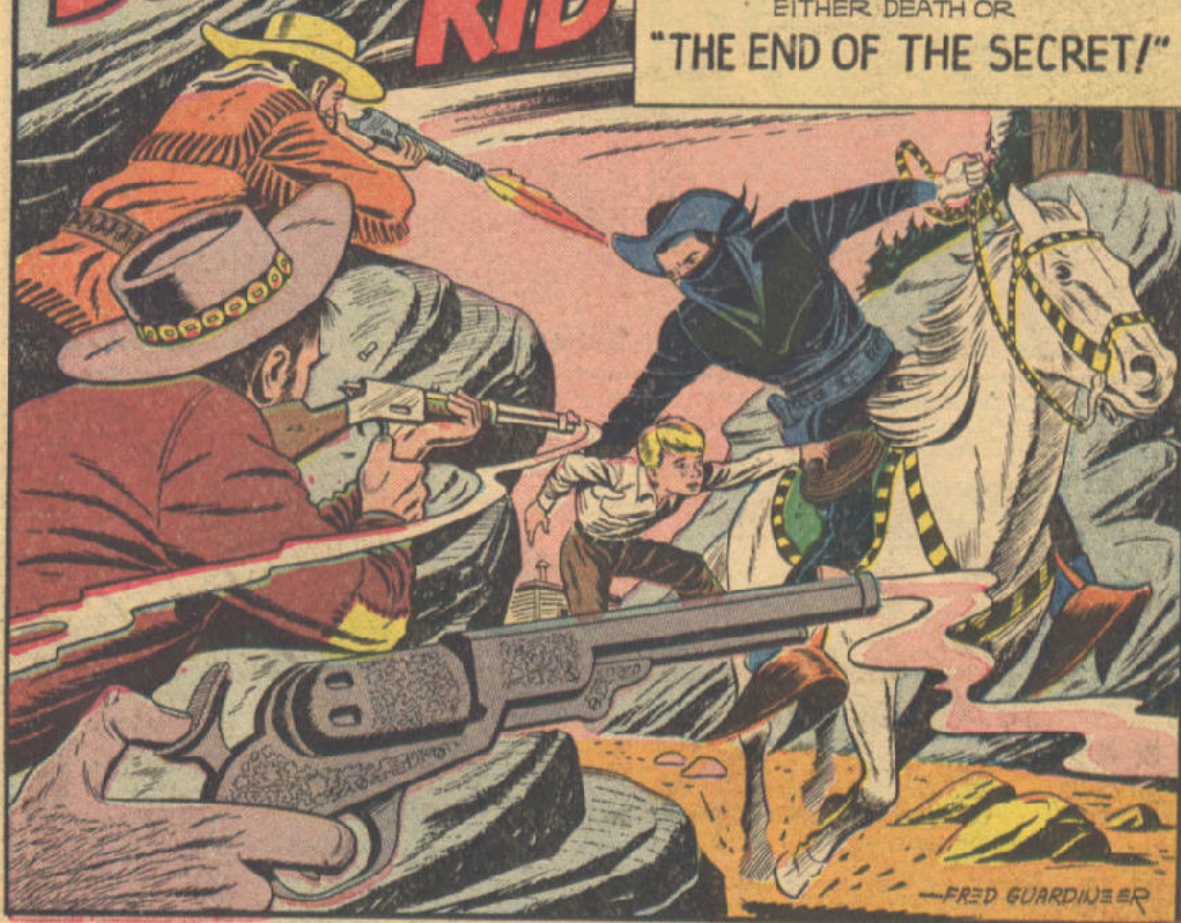
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# The DURANGO KID

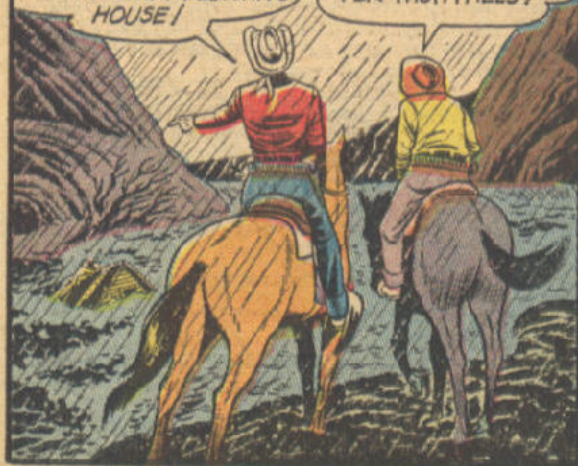
**THE DURANGO KID'S** FACE IS GRIM BEHIND HIS MASK / IT'S EITHER BE KILLED ON THE SPOT OR SOMEHOW MANAGE TO SCRAPE THROUGH ALIVE WITH THE BOY IN HIS ARMS BROADCASTING TO THE WORLD THAT THE DURANGO KID AND STEVE BRAND ARE THE SAME MAN / IT'S EITHER DEATH OR

**"THE END OF THE SECRET!"**



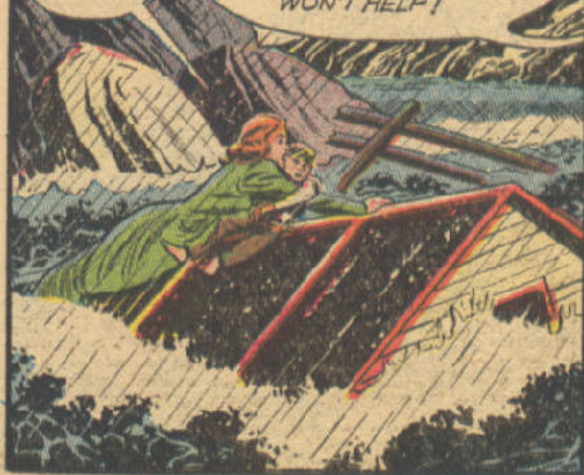
NEVER SAW THE RIVER THIS HIGH BEFORE—MULEY, LOOK! ON THE ROOF OF THAT FLOATING HOUSE!

IT'S A FEE MALE AN' HER YOUNG 'UN / AN' THEY'RE HEADED RIGHT FER THUH FALLS!



**HELP!  
HELP!**

STEVE, USE YORE HEAD! THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE! YORE GETTIN' KILLED TOO WON'T HELP!









**BUT MULEY HAS MANAGED TO SCRAMBLE BACK AND DOUBLE-HITCH THE ROPE TO THE POMMELS OF HIS MOUNT AND STEVE'S!**



WE MADE IT, MA'AM—OUR WORRIES ARE OVER!

WHEW—IF THAT DIDN'T TURN MUH HAIR WHITE, I'LL BE A BRUNETTE TILL THUH DAY I DIE!



**STEVE DOESN'T KNOW IT... BUT HIS WORRIES HAVE JUST BEGUN!**

HOW IN TARNATION DOES THUH WHELP KNOW THEE STEVE IS DURANGO?

IT JUST DOESN'T FIGURE! THE MOST CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET IN THE WHOLE TERRITORY... AND THE BOY'S GUESSED IT!

**BEFORE STEVE CAN QUESTION THE BOY...**

TAKE COVER, W-WERE DONE FOR! BARLOW'S SHOOT FROM HERE, MEN AIM TO FINISH MULEY! I'LL SPRINT OVER TO THAT FAR ROCK!! THE JOB THEY STARTED WHEN THE RIVER BEGAN TO RISE!



**BUT STEVE AND MULEY SET UP A WITHERING CROSSFIRE!**



NOW SUPPOSE YOU TELL US WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT MA'AM.

I'LL BE GLAD TO MISTER: MY NAME'S SUE HAWKINS...

THUH YOUNG UN'S WALKIN' OFF BY HIS-SELF! MEBBE I'LL GIT A CHANCE TO GRAB HIM!!





I'M A WIDOW. ME AND MY BOY, TAD, LIVE UP THE RIVER. ALL THIS TROUBLE STARTED TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN I WAS RIDING INTO TOWN FOR SUPPLIES...



"MY HORSE GOT OVERHEATED. I WAS RESTING HIM FOR A SPELL IN A SHADY SPOT WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN..."



"THE DRYGULCHER DIDN'T SEE ME... BUT I SAW HIM PLAIN AS DAY! HE WAS RED BARLOW! THE MAN HE'D SHOT WAS A MARSHAL WHO'D BEEN ON HIS TRAIL FOR A HOLD-UP DOWN TEXAS-WAY... FIRST THING I DID WHEN I REACHED TOWN WAS TO TELL THE SHERIFF! BARLOW THOUGHT HE WAS IN THE CLEAR, SO HE WAS EASY TO BRING IN..."



THET HAWKINS WOMAN'S GOTTA BE MADE TO CHANGE HER STORY!

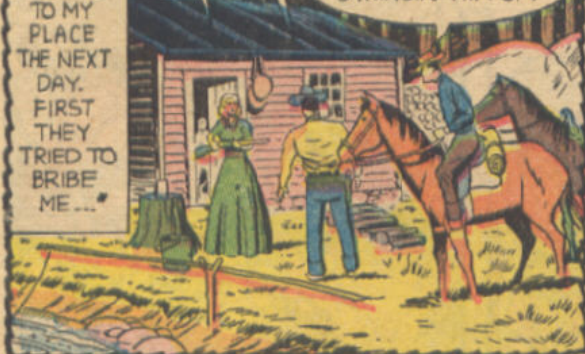


"BARLOW'S MEN CAME AROUND TO MY PLACE THE NEXT DAY. FIRST THEY TRIED TO BRIBE ME..."

GET OFF MY LAND AND STAY OFF!

KEERFUL! IF WE SHOOT HER, THUH WHOLE TERRITORY 'LL BE RILED-UP AGAINST THUH BOSS! AN' THEN THEY WON'T EVEN WAIT FER THUH CIRCUIT - JUDGE TO COME AROUND BEFORE STRINGIN' HIM UP!

WHY, I'LL--!



"WHEN THE RAINS CAME AND THE RIVER STARTED RISING, THEY SAW THEIR CHANCE TO GET RID OF ME ACCIDENTAL-LIKE..."

**GIT BACK IN THAR!**

B-BUT THE RIVER'LL BREAK! THE HOUSE'LL BE SWEEP AWAY!

THET'S EXACTLY WHUT WE GOT IN MIND! WITH YOU DROWNED, THAR'LL BE NOBODY TO TESTIFY AGAINST THUH BOSS!



HMM - THEY MUST'VE FOLLOWED THE HOUSE DOWN-RIVER. WHEN THEY SAW MULEY AND ME PULL YOU OUT, THEY GOT DESPERATE!

WHAR'S YORE YOUNG 'UN, MA'AM? 'PEARS LIKE HE WENT TRAIP SIN' WHILE YUH WERE TELLIN' US YORE STORY...



THIS HAPPENS EVERY TIME I TAKE MY EYES OFF HIM FOR A SECOND... **TAD!**

HERE'S A NOTE! ONE OF BARLOW'S MEN GRABBED HIM! IT SAYS MRS. HAWKINS EITHER CHANGES HER TESTIMONY OR ELSE...





WHAT A SPOT FOR STEVE TO BE IN! IF HE SAVES THUH BOY, HE'S SAYIN' THUH ONLY ONE IN THUH WHOLE TERRITORY WHO'S GUESSED HIS SECRET! THET MEANS NO MORE QUICK-SWITCHES, NO MORE BEING ABLE TO SURPRISE OWLHOOTS! WHUT'S STEVE GONETA DO...?

MULEY, YOU STAY HERE WITH MRS. HAWKINS. I'M GOING TO GET A FRIEND OF MINE TO TRACK DOWN YOUNG TAD. A VERY GOOD FRIEND... NAMED DURANGO!

AFTER WHAT MAY BE THE LAST QUICK-SWITCH...

HAD TO GO AS DURANGO! RAIDER'S THE ONLY HORSE FAST ENOUGH TO OVERTAKE THE OWLHOOTS BEFORE THEY CAN DO TAD ANY HARM! WITH ALL THE RAIN, THEIR TRAIL'S EASY TO FOLLOW... AND RIGHT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HEADED FOR ECHO VALLEY!



AT THE EDGE OF ECHO VALLEY, DURANGO SILENTLY DISMOUNTS, AND—



DON'T ENJOY SNEAKING UP ON FOLKS FROM BEHIND, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO LET YOUR CRONIES KNOW THEY'RE GETTING A VISITOR...!

GNNNG!



UNLESS THEY'RE SMOKE-EATERS, THEY'LL BE COMING OUT FOR FRESH AIR VERY SOON!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

ONLY ONE! THIS IS GOING TO BE EASIER THAN MAKING MULEY SIT DOWN TO A GOOD MEAL!

WHUT... =CHOKE= THUH?! HEY!

I KNEW Y'AD COME GET ME, DURANGO! I JUST KNEW IT!



BUT THEN...

WE GOT THUH DROP ON YUH, DURANGO!

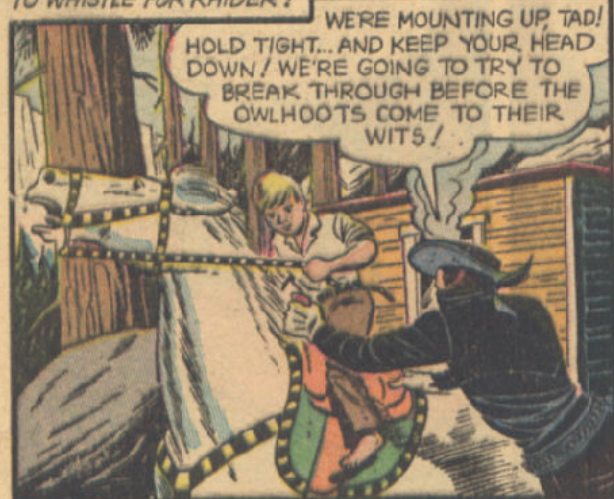
WAIT TILL THUH BOSS HEARS HE WON'T HAFTA WORRY ABOUT THE DURANGO KID ANY MORE!

THEY MUST'VE FOUND THE GUARD...





**DURANGO TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE OWLHOOT'S PANIC TO WHISTLE FOR RAIDER!**



**THE OWLHOOTS ARE THUNDERING AFTER THEM WHEN DURANGO SUDDENLY PULLS REIN IN A GROVE OF TREES!**



SHOOT TO KILL! WE CAN'T LET DURANGO GET AWAY!

IF WE COULD ONLY GET HIM OFF THAT HORSE OF HIS — THEN HE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE!





WHEN THEY  
REACH THE  
GROVE OF TREES...



I SEEM TO KEEP  
DROPPING IN UN-  
EXPECTEDLY ON YOU  
PEOPLE!

GNNG!



OH-OH—LOOKS LIKE  
THE PARTY'S GOING  
TO GET ROUGH!

OOOFF!

WHIRLING, DURANGO DRAWS WITH A BLUR OF MOTION  
AS FAST AS THE SWIFTEST EAGLE'S FLIGHT!



CRACK!  
BANG!

OWW!

AARGH!

THE BOY'S SAFE... AND BARLOW'S GANG  
IS BROKEN UP—BUT AT WHAT A COST! THERE'S  
NO WAY OF SEALING TAD'S LIPS— HE'S TOO  
YOUNG TO REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT  
IT IS THAT NO ONE KNOW THAT  
DURANGO AND BRAND ARE  
THE SAME MAN!



LATER— I STILL  
DON'T  
UNDERSTAND HOW  
HE COULD'VE  
GUESSED...



DURANGO!  
DURANGO!

YUH DON'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT  
THUH SECRET / MRS. HAWKINS  
TOLE ME THET FER THUH PAST YEAR  
TAD'S BEEN SO TAKEN UP WITH ALL  
THUH STORIES HE'S HEARD ABOUT  
THUH GOOD YUH KEEP DOIN' AS  
**DURANGO**— THET HE USE'S  
YORE NAME FER EVERY MAN HE  
TAKES A LIKIN' TO !!



AND SO, LATER...

I WANT TO THANK YOU  
FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE, MR.  
BRAND.



I DIDN'T DO  
MUCH.  
BUT I'LL  
RELAY  
YOUR  
THANKS TO MY  
FRIEND THE  
DURANGO  
KID !!

THE  
END



# RED HAWK

RED HAWK WILL DIE! THE FISHMEN WILL SURELY KILL HIM IN THE WATER!

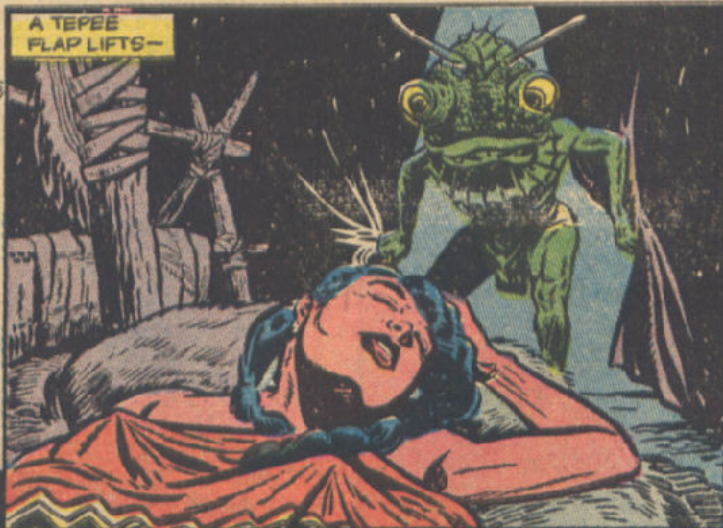


UP FROM THE COLD GREY DEPTHS OF THE CANYON RIVER THEY COME, MEN WITH THE EERIE HEADS OF FISHES. THEY RAID THE CHEYENNE TEPEES, THEN FLEE BACK INTO THE COLD, MURKY WATERS THAT ARE THEIR HOME. WHEN RED HAWK GOES TO FIND THEM, THEY HAVE DISAPPEARED. IS THERE ANY HOPE AT ALL AGAINST THESE MYSTERIOUS CREATURES THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE PLAINS CALL—

**"THE WATER GHOSTS"**

NIGHT STRETCHES A BLUE CANOPY OF STARS ABOVE THE CHEYENNE TEPEES, AS STRANGE FIGURES GLIDE LIKE SHADOWS HERE AND THERE AMONG THE DWELLINGS OF THE NOMAD PEOPLE. IN THEIR FAR WANDERINGS THE CHEYENNE HAVE MET STRANGE SIGHTS ON THE PLAINS, BUT NONE STRANGER THAN THIS—

A TEPEE FLAP LIFTS—







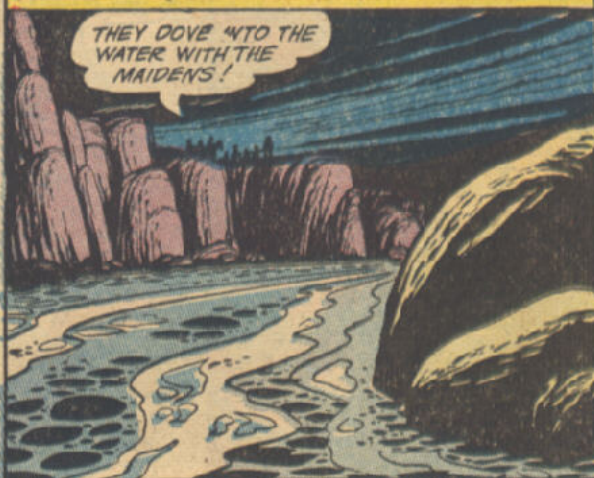
LIKE SHADOWS  
THE FISH-HEADED  
MEN COME, LIKE  
SHADOWS, THEY  
GO...



FOR AN INSTANT THE CHEYENNE WARRIORS ARE  
DAZED—BUT ONLY FOR AN INSTANT!



LATER, THE NIGHT PURSUIT COMES TO AN END ON THE  
SHEER BANKS OF A MIGHTY RIVER...



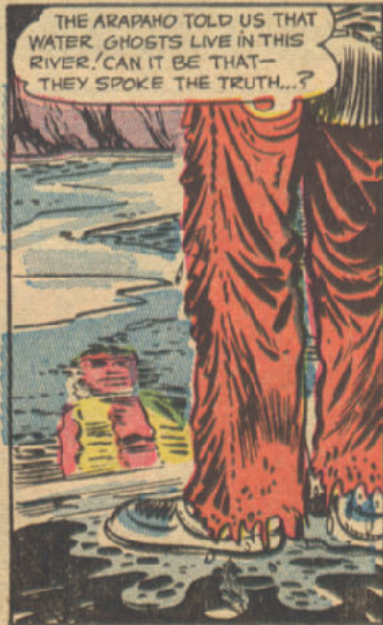
WHERE THOSE  
FISH HEADS WENT—  
I CAN GO TOO!



NOBODY DOWN HERE—  
NOTHING AT ALL BUT SAND  
AND... REAL FISH!



THE ARAPAHO TOLD US THAT  
WATER GHOSTS LIVE IN THIS  
RIVER! CAN IT BE THAT—  
THEY SPOKE THE TRUTH...?





FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS THE CHEYENNE MEDICINE-MEN FORETELL DIRE HAPPENINGS TO COME...

LEAVE THIS EVIL GROUND!  
STRANGE GHOSTS DWELL HERE,  
AND MORE SORROW WILL  
COME TO THE TRIBE  
IF WE STAY!



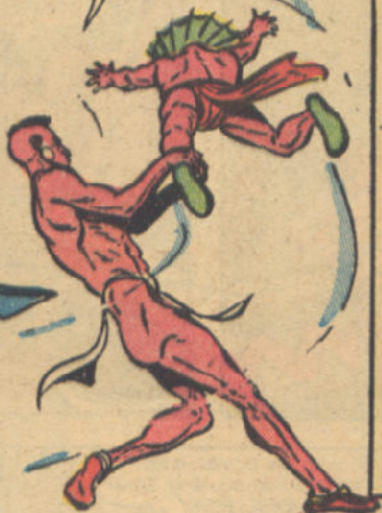
THEN ONE NIGHT THE FISH-HEADED INDIANS ATTACK AGAIN!



BUT NOW THE FIGHTING CHEYENNES ARE READY FOR THEM—

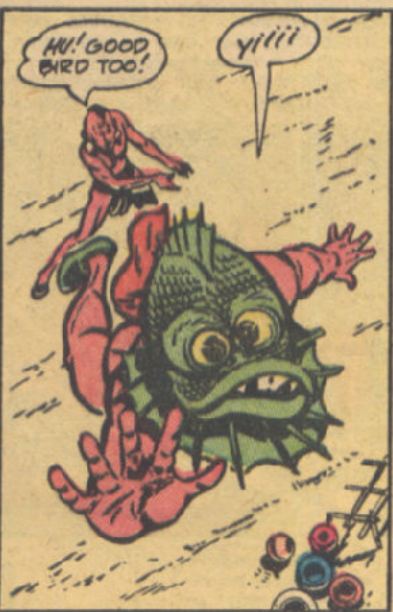


YOU GOOD FISH!  
LET'S SEE HOW  
GOOD A BIRD  
YOU MAKE!

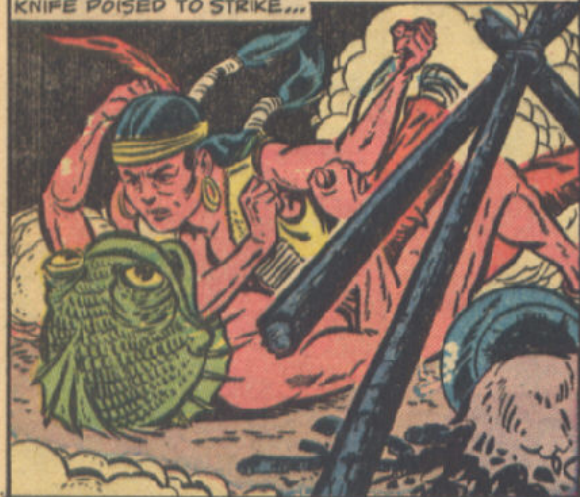


HUI! GOOD  
BIRD TOO!

YIII!



MEANWHILE, RED HAWK WRESTLES SAVAGELY, HIS KNIFE POISED TO STRIKE...

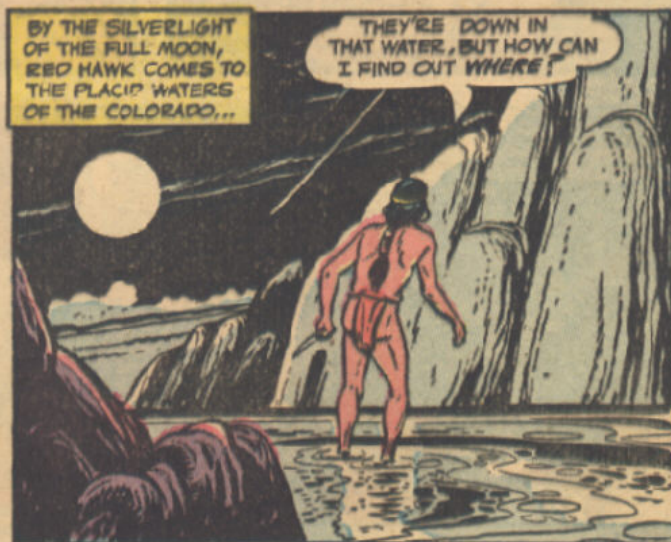


A MOMENT LATER,  
AS HIS KNIFE  
BITES HOME...



GHOSTS, ARE THEY?  
LOOK THERE, PEOPLE  
OF THE CHEYENNE!





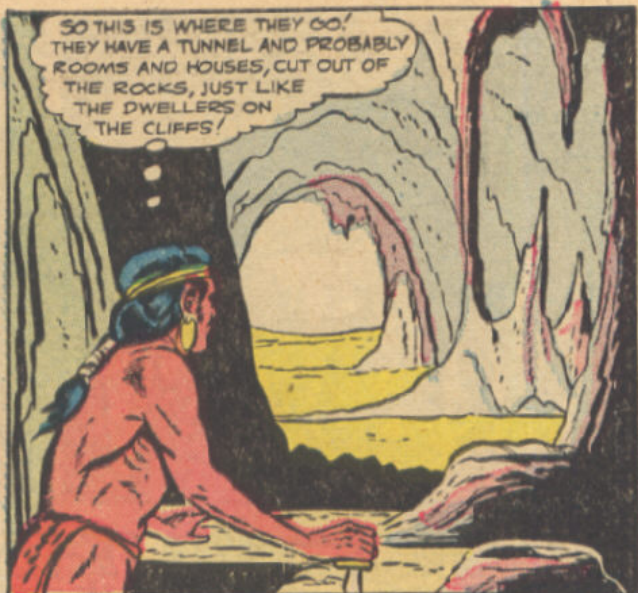


FUMBLING IN THE WATER, LUNGS STRAINING FOR AIR, RED HAWK DISCOVERS A ROCK HANDLE AND TUGS...

THE ROCK  
OPENS ONTO  
A ROCK  
STAIRWAY!



SO THIS IS WHERE THEY GO!  
THEY HAVE A TUNNEL AND PROBABLY  
ROOMS AND HOUSES, CUT OUT OF  
THE ROCKS, JUST LIKE  
THE DWELLERS ON  
THE CLIFFS!



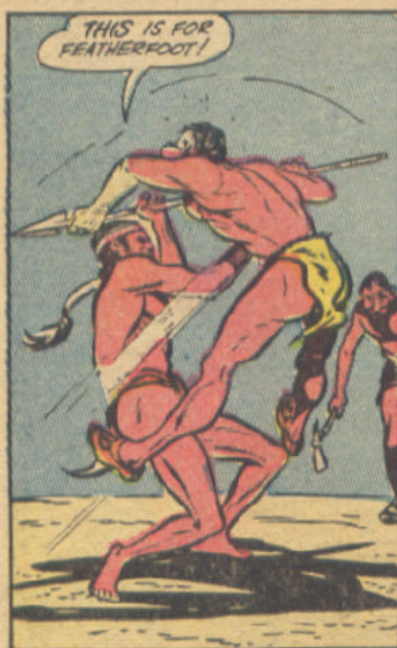
SUDDENLY THE  
TUNNEL OPENS TO  
A LARGE ROOM...

A CHEYENNE!

SLAY HIM  
QUICKLY!



THIS IS FOR  
FEATHERFOOT!



THIS IS FOR RUNNING DOE  
AND ALL THE OTHER GIRLS  
YOU KIDNAPPED!



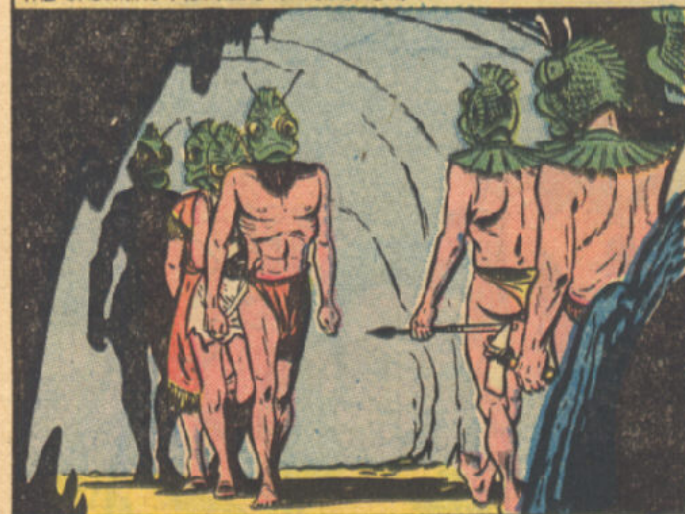
I CAN'T FIGHT A WHOLE  
TRIBE BY MYSELF, BUT I  
SURE CAN GIVE IT A  
TRY!







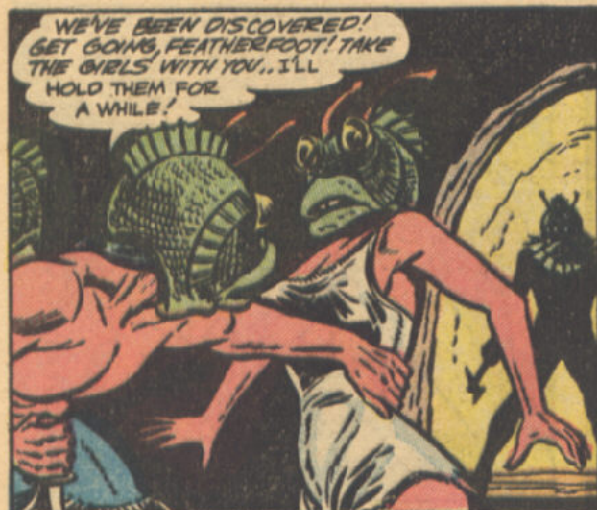
WITHOUT BREATHING, RED HAWK LEADS THE CHEYENNE GIRLS PAST  
THE ONCOMING FISHHEAD WARRIORS...



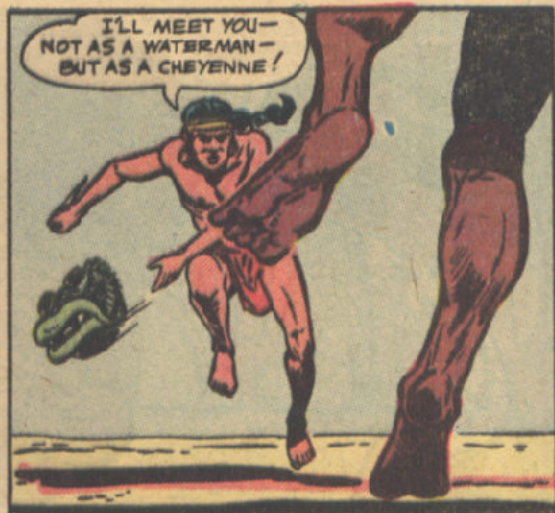
SUDDENLY THE LAST WARRIOR HALTS  
AND TURNS...







WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!  
GET GOING, FEATHERFOOT! TAKE  
THE GIRLS WITH YOU... I'LL  
HOLD THEM FOR  
A WHILE!

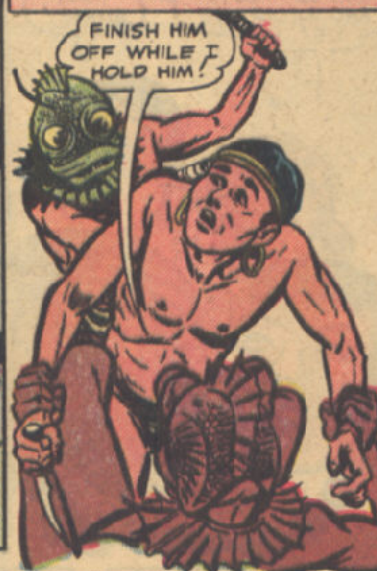


I'LL MEET YOU—  
NOT AS A WATERMAN—  
BUT AS A CHEYENNE!



GOT TO GET RID OF  
YOU—FAST! BEFORE THE  
OTHERS COME UP  
ON ME!

BUT THE FISHHEAD WARRIOR  
STRUGGLES SAVAGELY! HIS HANDS  
CLAMP ON RED HAWK'S WRISTS...

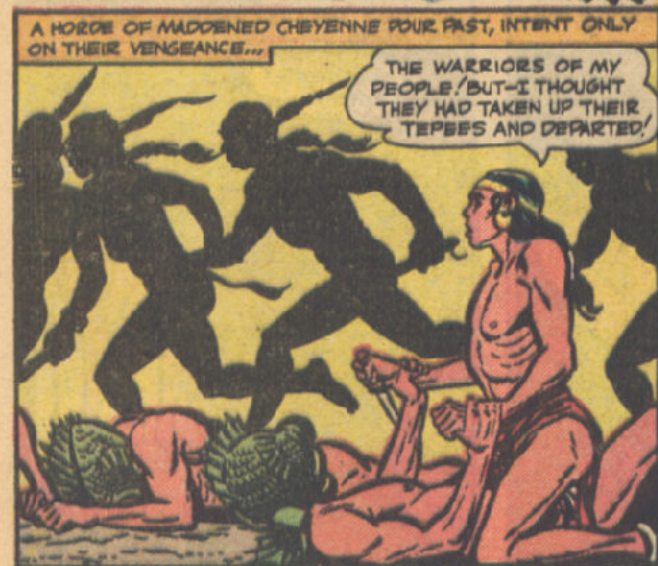


FINISH HIM  
OFF WHILE I  
HOLD HIM!

THE WHIRRING SNARL OF A FLYING  
WARCLUB IS HEARD. THE WARRIOR  
WITH THE WARCLUB GRUNTS AND  
FALLS...



GNNYGG!



A HORDE OF MADDED CHEYENNE POUR PAST, INTENT ONLY  
ON THEIR VENGEANCE...

THE WARRIORS OF MY  
PEOPLE, BUT—I THOUGHT  
THEY HAD TAKEN UP THEIR  
TEPEES AND DEPARTED!



LATER, WHEN THE POWER OF THE FISH-HEADS  
HAS BEEN FOREVER BROKEN...

THE MEDICINE MEN SAID WE SHOULD GO  
BUT I SHAMED THE WARRIORS INTO  
FOLLOWING YOU! WE MET THE GIRLS AT  
THE RIVER'S EDGE AND THEY TOLD  
US HOW TO FIND YOU...



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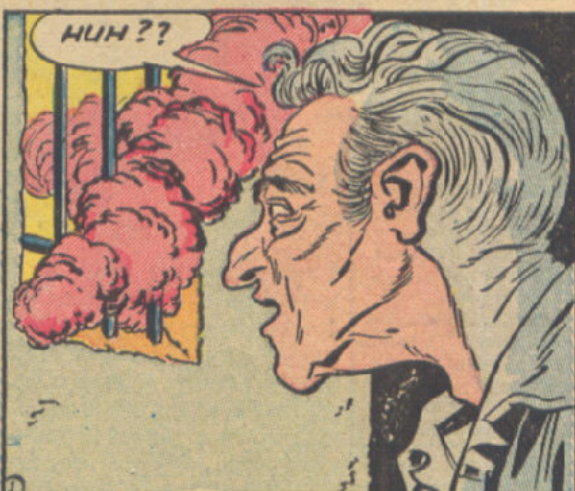


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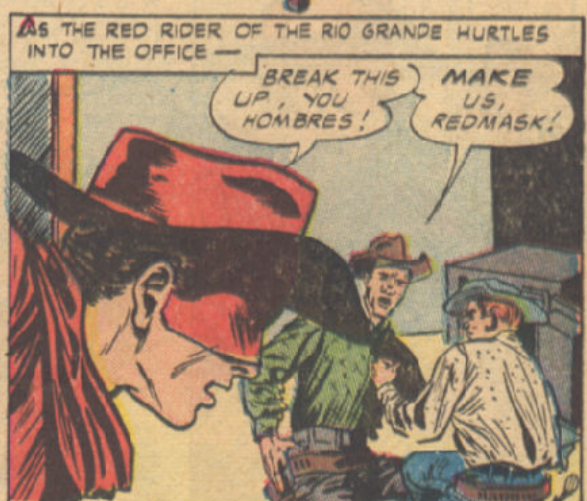
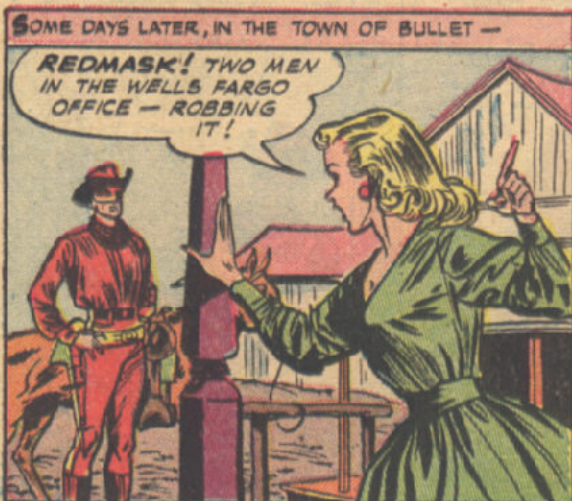
TRICKED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THAT MASTER OF WEIRD LEGERDEMAIN AND BAFFLING MAGIC—FOOLED AND DECEIVED AT EVERY MOVE BY THE BLACK PRESTIDIGITATION OF **THE CAPE—REDMASK** FINDS HIMSELF MADE A MOCKERY OF, AND A LAUGHING STOCK FOR THE ENTIRE RANGE BY—

**"THE FALSE ALARM CRIMES!"**

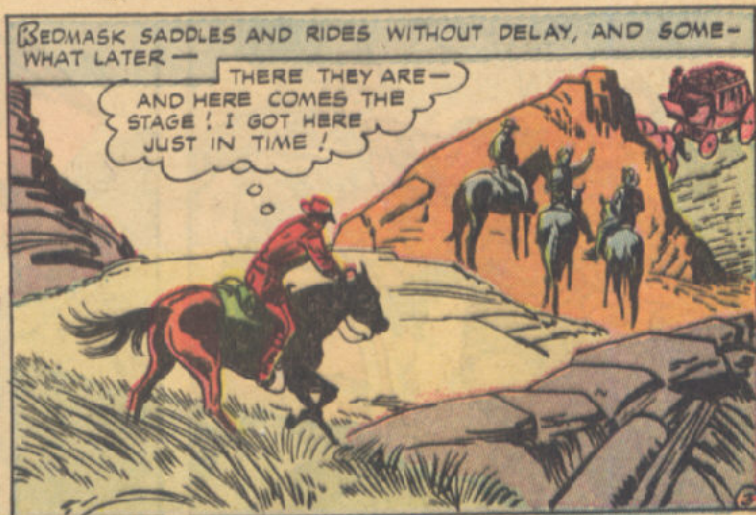
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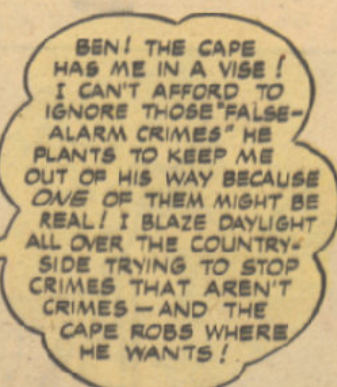
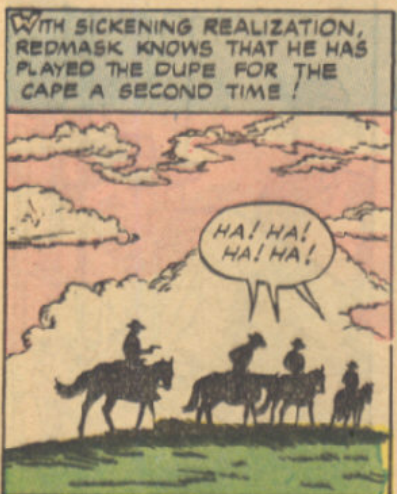




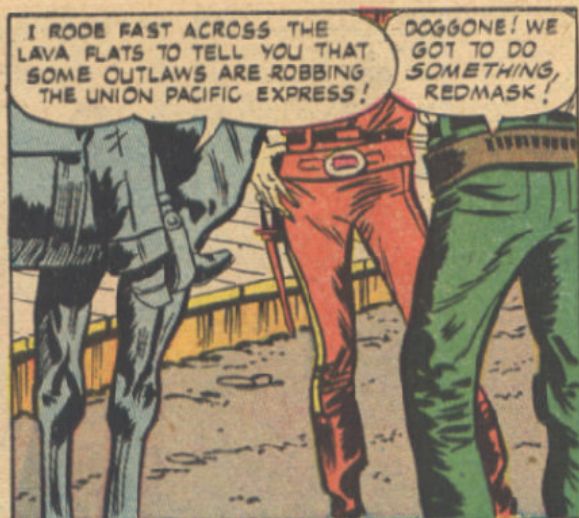
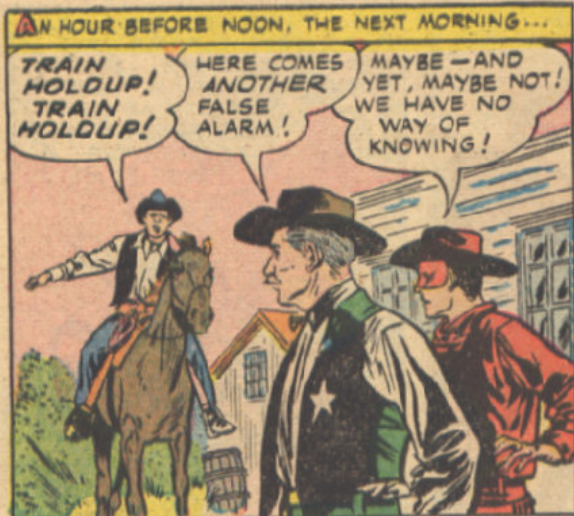






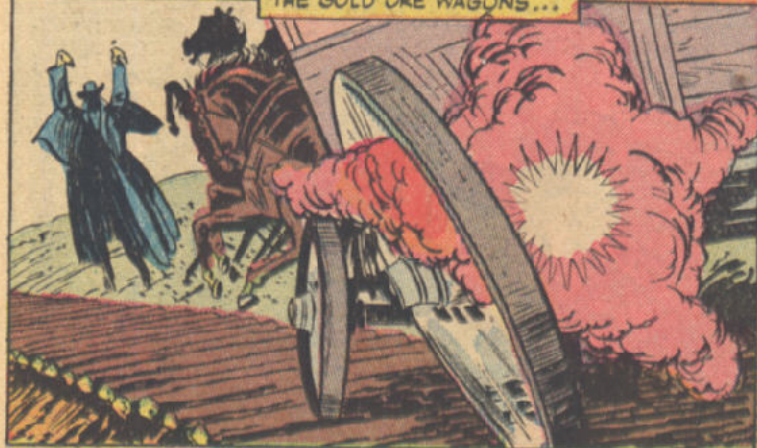




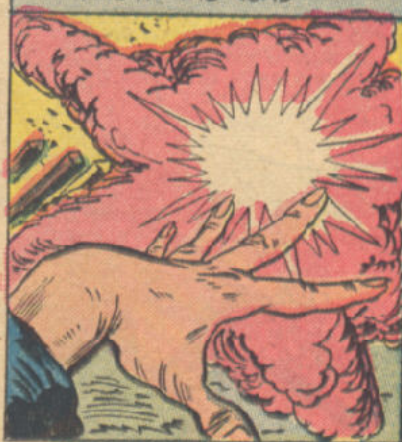




AS THE MASTER MAGICIAN GESTURES, THE WHEELS FALL FROM THE GOLD ORE WAGONS...



AGAIN THE CAPE GESTURES, THIS TIME AT THE ROAD—



SUDDENLY A VOICE CRIES OUT ABOVE THE TATTOO OF POUNDING HOOFS!

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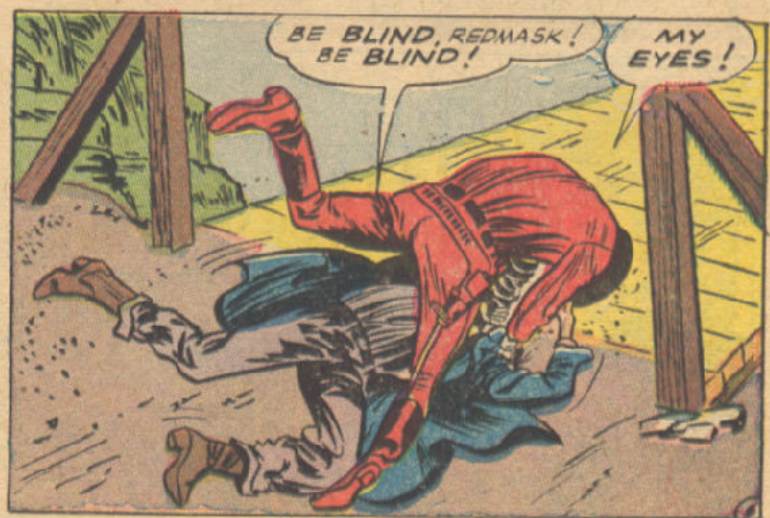
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MY EYES!







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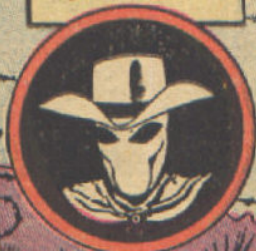
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# GHOST RIDER

BILLY WELLS AND HIS YOUNG BRIDE WENT DEEPLY INTO DEBT WHEN THEY BOUGHT THE DESERTED TODD RANCH FROM THE COUNTY, AND IT SEEMED THAT EVERYTHING WENT WRONG AFTER THAT, SOME OF IT NOT EXACTLY BY CHANCE ...



HI-YI!  
GIT BACK  
THERE!

THE DIRTY  
DOGS! THEY  
CUT THE WIRE  
FENCE  
DELIBERATELY!

THERE WAS  
PLENTY STRANGE  
ABOUT THE OLD  
MAN ... HIS  
CACKLING LAUGH,  
HIS ABILITY TO  
MOVE EASILY IN  
PITCH DARKNESS,  
AND HIS SEEMING  
AGELESSNESS.  
BUT THAT WAS NO  
REASON TO HANG  
HIM, YET, IT TOOK  
ALL THE INGENUITY  
OF THE GHOST  
RIDER TO SAVE  
HIM FROM ...

**"BLIND"  
JUSTICE!**

AFTERS...

THE NIGHT BILLY'S FENCES  
WERE CUT, MARY, HIS WIFE  
WAS IN THE MODEST KITCHEN  
WHEN ...

BILLY SHOULD'VE  
BEEN BACK FOR  
SUPPER BEFORE  
THIS. I WONDER  
WHAT ...

EEEEEE!

WHO'S  
THERE?  
WHAT DO  
YOU WANT?

HEEHEE  
HEEEEEE!

MARY!  
WHAT'S  
WRONG?

OH, BILLY, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE  
BACK! I JUST SAW THE MOST  
HORRIBLE FACE IN THE WINDOW AND  
WHEN I LOOKED TO SEE WHO IT  
WAS, THERE WAS NO ONE THERE.  
ONLY A CACKLING LAUGH THAT  
SEEMED TO COME FROM  
NOWHERE.

OH, BILLY, HOW MUCH  
MORE OF THIS CAN WE  
TAKE? THAT RICH  
FELLOW FROM 'FRISCO  
SAID HE MIGHT BE  
INTERESTED IN BUYING  
US OUT. WHY DON'T  
WE SELL AND GO  
SOMEPLACE ELSE?

I KNOW RANCHIN'  
AND I KNOW THIS  
COUNTRY, MARY.  
WE WOULDN'T BE  
HAPPY ANYWHERE  
ELSE. WE CAN  
LICK THIS YET.  
JUST WAIT AND  
SEE ...

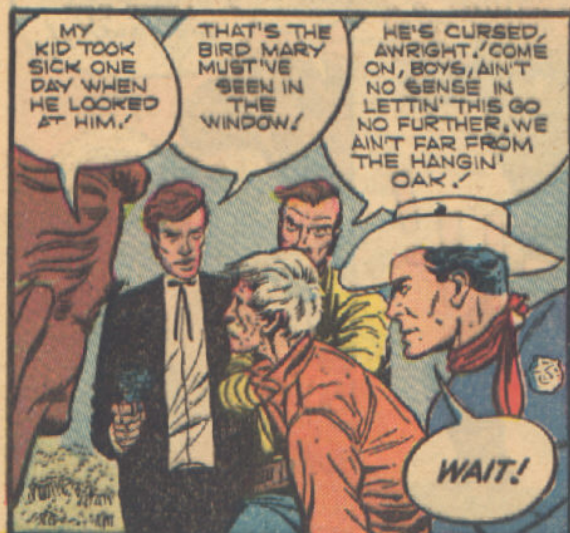
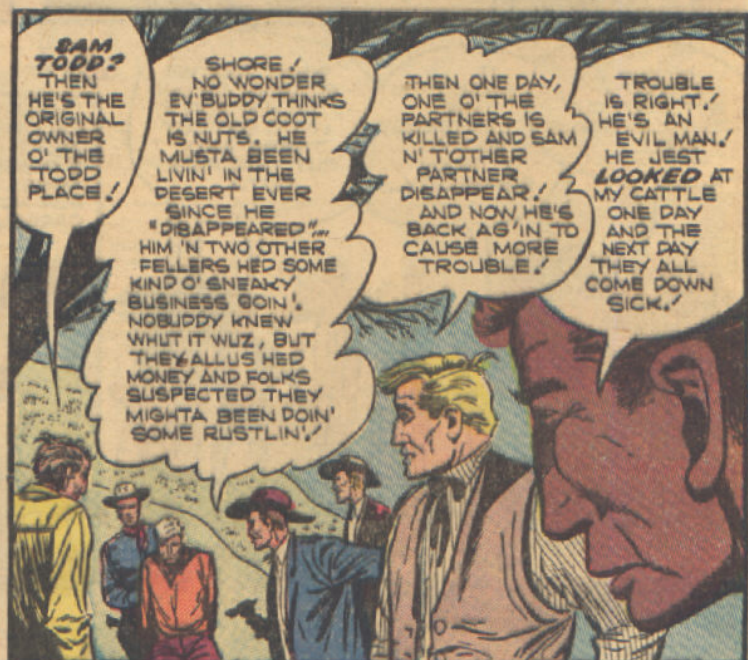
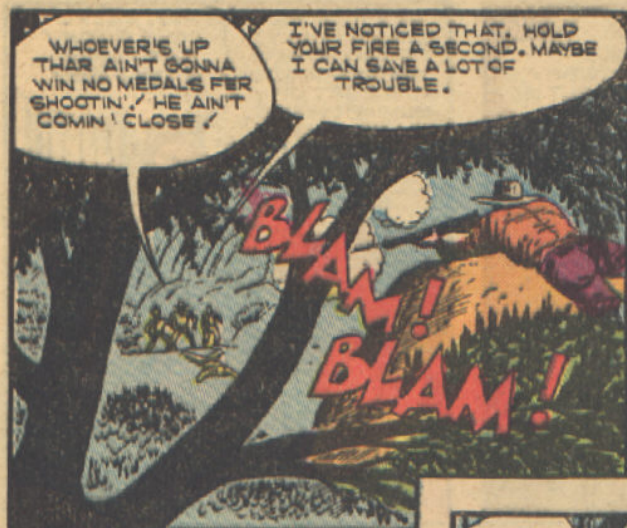




BUT THAT NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE BARN DANCE ...

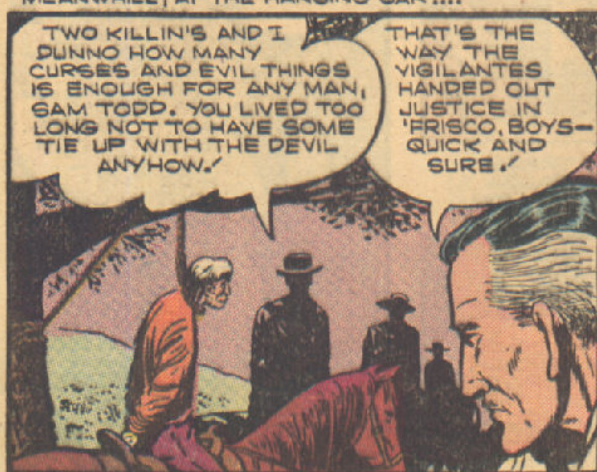






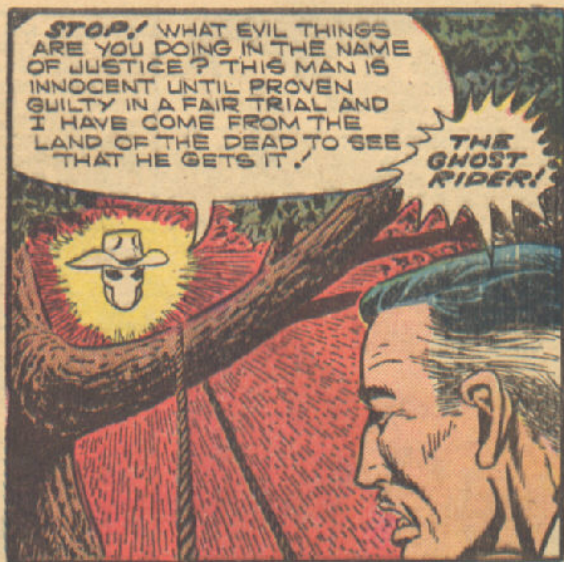


AND SO, ONCE AGAIN, REX FURY IS CALLED UPON TO ASSUME THE CHARACTER OF THAT CHAMPION OF JUSTICE—**THE GHOST RIDER!** MEANWHILE, AT THE HANGING OAK ....



TWO KILLIN'S AND I DUNNO HOW MANY CURSES AND EVIL THINGS IS ENOUGH FOR ANY MAN, SAM TODD. YOU LIVED TOO LONG NOT TO HAVE SOME TIE UP WITH THE DEVIL ANYHOW.

THAT'S THE WAY THE VIGILANTES HANDED OUT JUSTICE IN 'FRISCO, BOYS—QUICK AND SURE.



STOP! WHAT EVIL THINGS ARE YOU DOING IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE? THIS MAN IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A FAIR TRIAL AND I HAVE COME FROM THE LAND OF THE DEAD TO SEE THAT HE GETS IT.

**THE GHOST RIDER!**



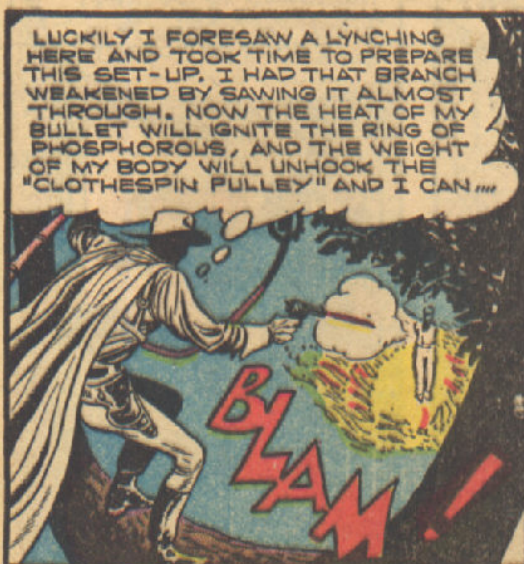
THIS IS ONE OF OLD SAM'S TRICKS, BOYS! DON'T LET HIM FOOL YOU.

HE'LL GET JUSTICE, ALL RIGHT, GHOST RIDER. VIGILANTE JUSTICE! HI! YI!

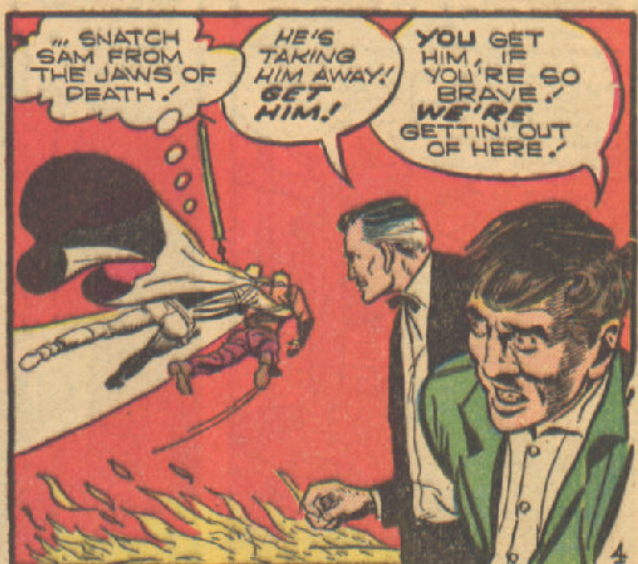


HE SNAPPED THE BRANCH! LIKE IT WERE A TWIG, HE SNAPPED IT!

IT'S A TRICK! IT'S A TRICK, BOYS! DON'T LET HIM FRIGHTEN YOU!



LUCKILY I FORESAW A LYNCHING HERE AND TOOK TIME TO PREPARE THIS SET-UP. I HAD THAT BRANCH WEAKENED BY SAWING IT ALMOST THROUGH. NOW THE HEAT OF MY BULLET WILL IGNITE THE RING OF PHOSPHOROUS, AND THE WEIGHT OF MY BODY WILL UNHOOK THE "CLOTHESPIN PULLEY" AND I CAN ...



... SNATCH SAM FROM THE JAWS OF DEATH!

HE'S TAKING HIM AWAY! GET HIM!

YOU GET HIM, IF YOU'RE SO BRAVE! WE'RE GETTIN' OUT OF HERE!



LATER...

THE GHOST RIDER BROUGHT YOU HERE BECAUSE HE BELIEVES YOU'RE INNOCENT, SAM, BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO SEE JUSTICE DONE, YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY. TO BEGIN WITH, WHY DID YOU DISAPPEAR AFTER YOUR PARTNER WAS KILLED?

I MIGHT'S WELL TELL YOU EV'RY-THING, MARSHAL...

"Y'SEE, ME AN' CAL PORTER AND SIERRA LEW FOUND A SILVER MINE. WE DIN'T WANT EV'RYBODY COMIN' AROUND AND WORKIN' OUR CLAIM, SO WE KEPT IT A SECRET..."



"... CAL USED TO TRADE OUR POKES UP NEVADA WAY AND ONE DAY LEW CAUGHT HIM CHEATIN'..."

YOU CAN'T ACCUSE ME O' HOLDIN' OUT, LEW! I PUT EVERY CENT ON THE LINE, NOW...

DON'T REACH FOR YOUR GUN WHEN YOU'RE TALKIN', CAL!



LEW! YOU KILLED HIM!

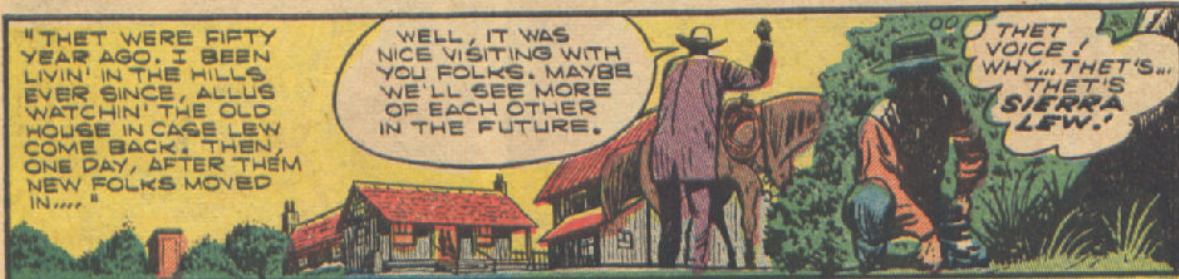
I KNOW I KILLED HIM, YOU FOOL! NOW WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE. FOLKS IN THIS TOWN ARE JEST WAITIN' TO GET SOMETHIN' ON US. WE'LL HIDE THE LOOT IN OUR OLD HIDIN' PLACE. I'LL TAKE OFF TOWARD FRISCO AND YOU GO IN THE OTHER DIRECTION AND WHEN THINGS BLOW OVER WE'LL COME BACK AND GET IT.



"THEY WERE FIFTY YEAR AGO. I BEEN LIVIN' IN THE HILLS EVER SINCE, ALLUS WATCHIN' THE OLD HOUSE IN CASE LEW COME BACK. THEN, ONE DAY, AFTER THEM NEW FOLKS MOVED IN..."

WELL, IT WAS NICE VISITING WITH YOU FOLKS. MAYBE WE'LL SEE MORE OF EACH OTHER IN THE FUTURE.

THAT VOICE! WHY... THAT'S... THAT'S SIERRA LEW!



I KNEWED THEN THAT LEW WAS BACK, AND THAT'S THE REASON I KEPT AROUND THE HOUSE. BUT I DIDN'T SHOOT NOBUDDY, MARSHAL. I JEST WANTED TO MAKE SURE I GOT MY SHARE O' THE LOOT.

BUT HOW COME NOBODY ELSE SAW LEW? AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DON'T RECOLLECT ANY OLD STRANGERS COMING IN...

YOU AIN'T ABOUT TO RECOLLECT ANYTHING, MARSHAL... NOT FOR A WHILE, ANYWAY!

SIERRA LEW!



YES, IT'S ME, SAM. NOW COME ON, WE'VE GOT A COUPLE OF HUNDRED THOUSAND TO COLLECT AND YOU'VE GOT TO SHOW ME WHERE IT IS. I... I SORT OF FORGOT.



LATER, AT THE HOME  
OF THE SHERIFF....



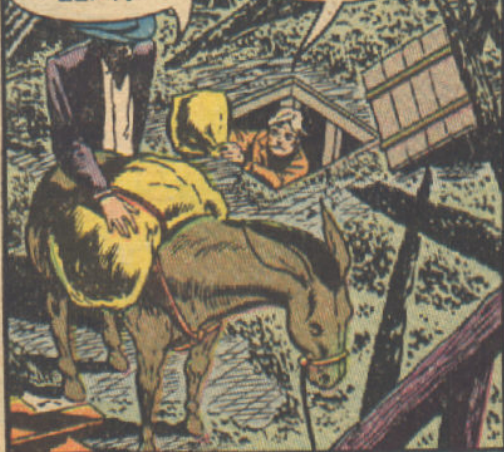
WAL, I'LL BE  
DURNED! I'D  
BETTER ROUND  
UP A COUPLE  
OF THE BOYS  
AND SEE ABOUT  
THIS.



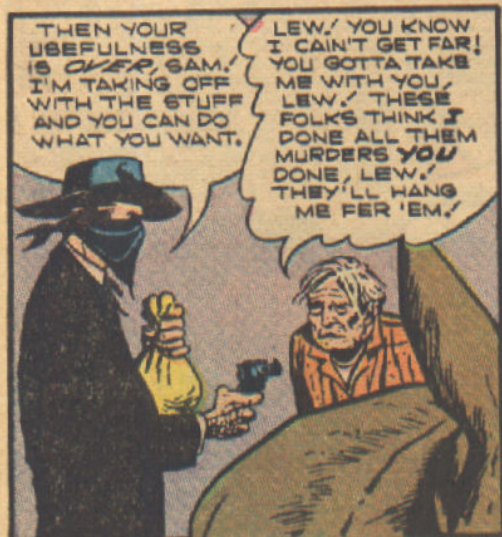
MEANWHILE....

HURRY UP,  
YOU OLD FOOL!  
WE HAVEN'T  
MUCH TIME  
LEFT.

THIS HERE IS  
THE LAST, LEW.  
EV'RY DURN  
CENT O' IT!

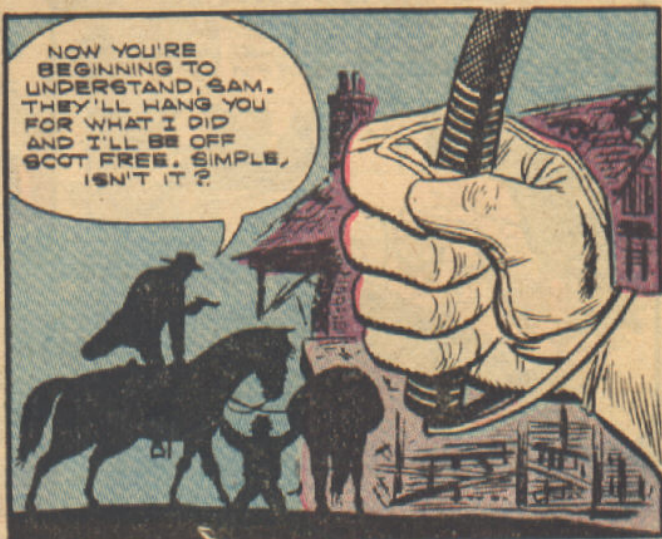


THEN YOUR  
USEFULNESS  
IS OVER, SAM.  
I'M TAKING OFF  
WITH THE STUFF  
AND YOU CAN DO  
WHAT YOU WANT.



LEW, YOU KNOW  
I CAN'T GET FAR!  
YOU GOTTA TAKE  
ME WITH YOU,  
LEW. THESE  
FOLKS THINK I  
DONE ALL THEM  
MURDERS YOU  
DONE, LEW.  
THEY'LL HANG  
ME FER 'EM.

NOW YOU'RE  
BEGINNING TO  
UNDERSTAND, SAM.  
THEY'LL HANG YOU  
FOR WHAT I DID  
AND I'LL BE OFF  
SCOT FREE. SIMPLE,  
ISN'T IT?



WELL,  
SO LONG,  
SA—  
Yiiii!

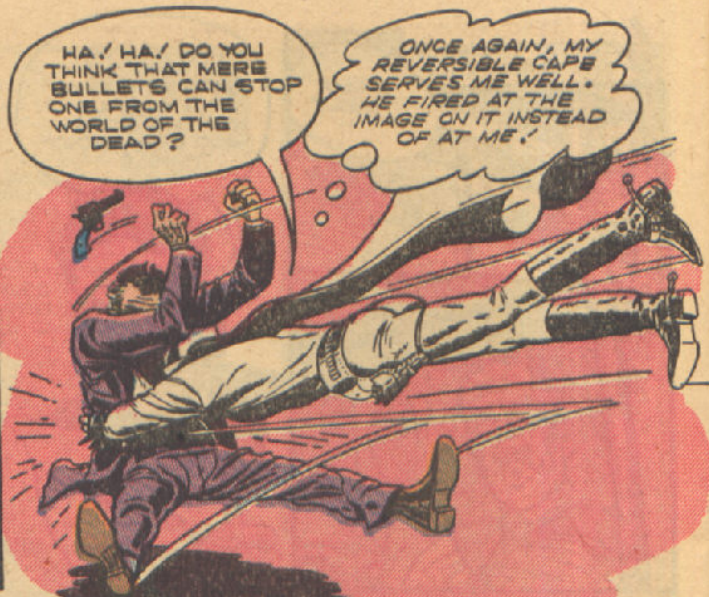
NOT SO FAST,  
FRIEND. PERHAPS  
YOUR SCHEME  
CAN FOOL THOSE  
OF THE LIVING,  
BUT WE FROM  
THE WORLD OF  
THE DEAD  
SEE ALL!



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RIDER!









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